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Mr. Lloyd Vaughan, Editor
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Dear Mr. Vaughan:

I would appreciate it very much if you would publish the following "open letter" in the June 18th edition of your paper:

Mr. Stuart M. Farrar, chairman Appomattox School Trustee Electoral Board, Pamplin, Va.

Dear Mr. Farrar:

I was quite interested in your remarks regarding the resignation of Mr. T. DeWitt Evans as chairman of the Appomattox County School Board in last week's edition of the Times-Virginian. I agree that Mr. Evans was a very qualified man for that position and that he has for 20 years served faithfully and to the best of his ability.

I'm sure it will not be easy to find a qualified person willing to replace Mr. Evans – A qualified person that is truly interested in quality education and a good sound school system for our county.

The following excerpts are from the statement made by you in the local paper when you announced the resignation of Mr. Evans: "If we desire quality education for our children our school system must be operated and guided by quality school board members, by quality administrators and most important, by quality teachers." Further down in this same article, another excerpt, "For we desire the school children of Appomattox County to a school board and a school system equal to any school board and school system in any other county in Virginia."

Now, Mr. Farrar, my question to you, as Chairman of the School Trustee Electoral Board, is this, what is YOUR opinion of our school system or are you EVEN INTERESTED?

It seems strange to me, as well as many other parents in our county, that you saw fit to send your children to Seven Hills, an excellent private school!

Does this mean, in your opinion, that all patrons should follow your example and abandon the public school system in favor of private schools?

Sincerely,
Mrs. Beck (Lloyd) Hudson
Southside District

Farmville Airport Dedication Planned

FARMVILLE—The town of Farmville will dedicate its new $130,000 municipal airport, located three miles northwest of here in Cumberland County, at 2 p.m., June 21.

Rep. Watkins M. Abbitt will introduce U. S. Sen. Harry F. Byrd Jr., who will speak at the dedication.

The program also will include skydiving and a free fall demonstration by a team of Green Berets from Fort Bragg, N. C. under the command of Col. Samuel V. Wilson, a native of Farmville.

There will be aerobatic flying by Albert Miles, parachute jumping by the New London Skydivers and a display of new aircraft. Music will be provided by the Prince Edward Academy Band.

Sen. Byrd is scheduled to speak at 3 p.m., following remarks by J. H. Shaffer, administrator of the Federal Aviation Administration, and Col. William G. Plenil, director of the Virginia Division of Aeronautics.

Farmville's Mayor Herbert R. Stokes will serve as master of ceremonies

The construction of the new Farmville Municipal Airport was accomplished through the joint effort and financing of the Federal Aviation Administration, the Virginia Division of Aeronautics, the town of Farmville, and Prince Edward and Cumberland counties.

The airport with its 3,200 foot paved runway, a hangar and administration building was completed in 1969 and is now in full-time operation by Fallwell Aviation, Inc., who conducts a flying school, offers charter service and other general services connected with an airport.

Pays Largest Bill

Virginia Electric and Power Company has delivered a check for $1,303,000 to Virginia State Treasurer Walter W. Craigie, Jr., representing the final payment of Vepco's 1970 state gross receipts tax bill totaling $10,869,000, the largest of any utility in the State.

Vepco is the State's largest corporate taxpayer.

BEST TIP YET

Lung cancer is the leading cause of cancer death among American men. Best tip yet, says the American Cancer Society, "Don't Smoke Cigarettes."

Pastor Speaks

"THE UNTRODDEN PATHWAY"

(To our Graduates)

Scripture: "Sanctify yourselves for tomorrow the Lord will do wonders among you." Joshua 3:3b.

Israel was on the margin of the promiseland. Challenge was imminent. Their leaders were about to change. Their circumstances were about to change. The wilderness which had been their home for forty years was fading into the background. Moses was dead, Joshua, their new leader, confidently commanded, "Sanctify yourselves for tomorrow the Lord will do wonders among you."

Israel stood facing Canaan, with those words ringing in their ears. But the uncertainty of the promise land struck fear in their hearts.

So our graduates of Appomattox this year have come to the brink of their promise land: wondering, hoping, looking, searching; but there stands that wall of fear and uncertainty. What shall we do with it?

Fear can be a blessing if we master and use it for our good. We teach our children to fear poisonous snakes to keep them from being being bitten. Fear is a wonderful thing when we control it, but it will wreck us if it controls us.

It is the uncertainty of the future that causes us to make all preparation for the unknown. If we knew the future we would probably be careless in our preparation.

The value of uncertainty is that it forces us to put our life in agreement with the One who holds tomorrow - God!

As you face the future there are some certainties. There is the past. The one thing no one can take from you is the experience of the past. Remember the lessons you learned and let them guide.

There are the things of the present. Your parents are fading into the background, and another will assume their place of leadership. Jesus Christ said, "I am the light of the world." (John 8:12). Come to know and follow Him at any cost. Make Him your leader.

Put your life in right relationship with God. The promise land of blessing is out there before you. It is yours for the asking. Go in and possess it.

understand why you can't get out of the truck and why it is just as important to them to have you do so. It's just part of the Cold War rut people get into, you decide.

The first two hours are not too bad, but after three hours of sitting in the cramped trucks, you and your comrades begin to be irritable. It is with gratitude, then, that you hear the sergeant call your name to deliver a message to the C. O. in one of the trucks up the line. This means an opportunity to get some fresh air and stretch your legs.

The Dangerous Sparks

As you stand waiting for a reply, you notice a Soviet guard with a tommygun. You don't look at him and he doesn't look at you. It seems best that way. The only sound is a chilly wind that whistles around you and the scrape of the guard's boots.

Then it happens! A sudden gust of wind lifts your fatigue cap off your head and deposits it in the dust . . . right in the path of the guard. You extend your hand forward in a gesture, but it is too late and the boot crushes the hat into the dust. "Hey," you shout and instinctively rush toward him. He stops and turns toward you inquiringly, his foot still resting upon your hat. "You're on my hat!" you shout. "Da?" he replies as if he does not understand you.

There seems to be a slight trace of amusement playing at the corners of his mouth. Did he do it on purpose, you ask yourself? Doesn't he see it? You begin to feel an overpowering urge to shove him and get him off your hat. "What's going on here?" a sharp voice asks behind you and you turn to see your C. O. and the Soviet commander.

Overcome Evil With Good

Later, back in the truck, your hat once more in your hands, you reflect upon what happened. Suppose you had lost your temper and started shoving the Soviet soldier? Out of such incidents, you realize, come the sparks that touch off wars. One man can set events that lead to nations into war, to so much harm, so that one man can do good? Let those who in saying, "I'm only minded of just how do, as Paul says, overcome evil with good." (Based on outline by the Division of Education, National Council of Churches, of Christ. Released by General Service.)

THE BIBLE SPEAKS

BY LAWRENCE W. ALTHOUSE

I'M ONLY ONE

Lesson for June 21, 1970

Background Scripture: Romans 12 through 13

Devotional Reading: Romans 12: 3-12

You are a soldier in the United States Army stationed in Western Germany. You and 72 other American soldiers comprise a convoy of trucks making the routine troop movement between Helmstadt in West Germany through East Germany along the autobahn to West Berlin. Usually the trip is uneventful except for periodic check-points along the way.

Lately, however, there has been some mounting tension in Berlin and there is some growing apprehension among your officers that the Soviets may retaliate with some petty irritations on the autobahns. You hope that if the communists decide to needle the american forces again they'll pick a different convoy with which to do it.

The Red People Get In

You feel the truck slowing down and someone next to you says, "Marienborn checkpoint." Fifteen minutes at the most and you should be on your way once again. But fifteen minutes pass and then thirty and forty-five, but the convoy is not moving. Down the line comes the word: "The communists are refusing to let us pass until we fall out and line up to be counted."

You know what that means . . . possibly a long wait. It is U. S. policy to refuse to get out of the trucks for counting. You don't really understand why, but that's the way it is. You and the convoy will sit at the check-point until someone backs down. You chuckle, half in disgust and half in amusement, when you consider that neither you nor the Soviet soldiers standing guard really

But, remember, you will not make it without the Lord Jesus Christ. He said in (John 14:6) "I am the way, the truth and the life: no man cometh unto the Father, but by Me."

Rev. Earnie W. Lucas; Pastor
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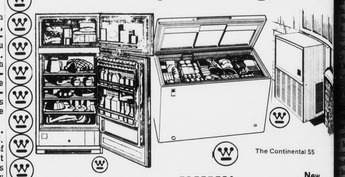

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Vacation Bible School is ...ress here at Baptist ...for two weeks.

...Clara Garrett and Mrs. ...Jackson have returned ...visiting relatives at ...Va.

...Mrs. Melvin Grisham ...visited at Rustburg ...

...E. Carrico is a patient ...Lynchburg General Hospital.

...and Mrs. B. T. Almond ...visited Mr. and ...Berry Reed last Sunday.

...and Mrs. Roger Mason ...Mr. Larry Adams, ...White of Lynchburg ...Mrs. J. C. Staples over ...end.

...Mrs. Jesse Franklin ...Lee and Jr. visited Mr ...Carrico at the Hospital ...They also visited Mr. ...Leslie Wooldridge and ...Dreaming Brook Dairy. ...Dave Harvey is on the ...but better now.

...James E. Cheatham of ...Florida, visited his ...Mr. and Mrs. Z. E. ...last week.

...Wanda Dixon has re...home from the hospital ...having a tonsilectomy last ...

...C. J. Paulette was ...guest of Mr. and Mrs. ...Harvey and girls last ...

...and Mrs. W. T. Massie ...spent last week end ...home of Mr. and Mrs. ...Cheatham.

...W. Staples and son ...and Mrs. C. J. Paulette ...afternoon guests of Mr. ...Boy Keys Sunday.

ROCKS

...—Farmers will soon ...wheat.

...and Mrs. Hutson Dick...Brookneal were visit...Mr. and Mrs. Lewis Dick...last Wednesday.

...Roach was painting ...top last week.

...Roach the ...

...and Mrs. Bill Woody were ...last week in Florida.

...member from here at...Baccalaureate ser...Appomattox last Sunday ...the graduation exer...Wednesday night.

...and Mrs. Wilson Almond ...Almond and Mrs. ...Ranson left Friday ...to spend the week end ...Virginia with Mrs. ...Dickerson, Sr.

...from here attended the ...Romack wedding at ...Creek Church on Friday

...Almond will enter Vir...Baptist Hospital Tuesday ...operation on Wednesday ...wish him a speedy re...

...Terry Elder represented the ...Band in Williamsburg last ...

...friends are sorry to hear ...Jamie Gray is ill in a ...

PAMPLIN

Miss Mary Rives Black was honored last Wednesday with a surprise Friendship shower at the home of Mrs. Ray Harley. An arrangement of summer flowers centered the table at which refreshments were served. The honored guest received many useful and pretty gifts.

Mrs. Earl Wood, John and Sarah of Colonial Heights visited her mother, Mrs. Ruby Clark last week. Mr. Wood was on a business trip to Fort Hood, Texas and while there visited friends at Dallas.

Major and Mrs. Lynwood Pelot and family of Heidelberg, Germany have been visiting his grand mother, Mrs. Maud Tanner Pelot and family. Major and Mrs. Pelot are moving from Germany to their home at Vienna, Va. Major Pelot will leave for Vietnam this month.

Friends and neighbors gave Mr. and Mrs. Eugene Dickerson a House Warming Shower last Friday night. Mr. and Mrs. Dickerson have recently moved into their new home.

Miss Karen Smith visited her uncle and aunt, Mr. and Mrs. Grady Little, Newport News, last week end.

Pamplin Community Bible School will be held at Elon Baptist Church beginning June 22 thru June 26th, 7 p.m. - 9: 30 p.m. Registration will be held Sunday, June 21.

Mrs. Norwood Wayne is a patient at Lynchburg General Hospital.

Mrs. Thomas Jamerson and daughter, Debra are visiting her son in California and Mr. and Mrs. Hollis Lipps in Colorado.

Mr. and Mrs. James Richardson visited relatives in Lynchburg and Roanoke last Sunday.

Mr. W. C. Dudley is attending a meeting in Blacksburg and Mrs. Dudley will join him Wednesday and visit with Mr. and Mrs. Bill Dudley.

Mrs. Harry Isabel of Mechanicsville visited Mrs. Katherine Cunningham last week.

Mrs. J. C. Welch and Mrs. George Shorter accompanied Cliff Welch to N. Y. last week.

Richmond Hospital. She is the sister-in-law of Mrs. Nannie Mae Baldwin.

Mrs. Jim Frank Ranson fell Saturday at her home and hurt her head. A speedy recovery is wished her.

The GA's will have a picnic down at old Stocks this afternoon (Monday).

Mrs. Stanley Roach spent Saturday night with Mr. and Mrs. Robert Roach.

Mr. and Mrs. Richard Inge and Jane left last week for Florida to attend the graduation of the former's daughter, Diane.

Mrs. Lloyd Richardson took her father Z. V. Harvey, to a doctor at Appomattox today.

Mr. and Mrs. Wilson D. Almond and Mrs. Jennie Almond and Mrs. Walter Ranson visited Kim Pealle in West Virginia over the week end.

Wreck Island H. D.

Mrs. V. A. Staten was hostess to the Wreck Island H.D. Club when it met at her home on Wednesday June 10th at 10:30 a.m. for a all day meeting.

Mrs. Rose Burnett led devotions.

Members expressed their deepest sympathy in the passing of Miss Lila Mayhew's father.

A short business session was held with Mrs. V. A. Staten president, presiding.

Mrs. Shirley Tanner and Mrs. Tilden Lee traveled by chart-

Cliff will fly to Frankfurt, Germany to visit friends. Mrs. Welch and Mrs. Shorter en route from New York will visit Mr. and Mrs. Ed Towell in New Jersey.

Pamplin Community Bible School

The Vacation Bible School for the entire community will be held at Elon Baptist Church beginning with a picnic on Sunday, June 21 at 5 p.m. The registration will be after the picnic.

dish lunch.

The July meeting will meet with Mrs. Rose Burnett. A demonstration on "Cookware Informative" will be given.

Mrs. Tilden Lee, Sec.

There will be classes for all ages, including the adults. The classes will begin Monday, June 22 from 7 p.m. to 9 p.m., continuing through Friday, June 26. A social period will be held after classes each night.

The theme for the school will be: "Proving God's Promises." The commencement program will be Sunday, June 28, at 8 p.m.

ered bus on Tuesday, May 20 along with 37 HD members of Appomattox County on a tour of the Charlottesville area.

Mrs. Tanner reported that this tour was a part of the Federation Program of work the Appomattox clubs sponsored. She showed many pictures of places visited, which were: Monticello, Ash Lawn, Old Tavern, Swanon and others.

Mrs. Elsie Thornhill read and discussed "Discovering Appomattox Resources Together. "Economy Foods for the Limited Budget" was the demonstration given by Mrs. Staten.

Members enjoyed a covered

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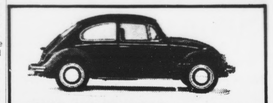

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